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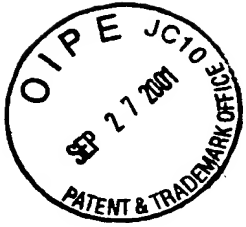
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to co-pending application entitled "FAULT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD," assigned serial number 09/345,634, filed June 30, 1999; co-pending application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR POLICY-BASED NETWORK MANAGEMENT," assigned serial number 09/469,025, filed December 21, 1999; co-pending application entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING A COMMUNICATION NETWORK UTILIZING STATE-BASED POLLING," assigned serial